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SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON AF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SCHAUFLE

1. UPPER VOLTAN AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU (CURRENTLY ATTENDING
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK) SOUGHT MEETING WITH AF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE ON OCTOBER 18. YAGUIBOU
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSELOR KOUELA. AF/W DIRECTOR AND
COUNTRY OFFICER ATTENDED.

2. YAGUIBOU SAID HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THREE POINTS.
FIRST, FOREIGN MINISTER KABORE HAD CONCLUDED HIS RECENT
STAY IN THE US FOR THE OPENING OF THE UNGA WITHOUT
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SCHAUFLE, WHO WAS ON AFRICAN
TRIP. KABORE HAD THEREFORE INSTRUCTED YAGUIBOU TO THANK
SCHAUFLE ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S BEHALF FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE USG HAD PROVIDED. UPPER VOLTA
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HOPED THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD CONTINUE. SECOND, YAGUIBOU,

WHO WILL LEAD HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD INFORMED ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAD FRIENDLY RELATIONS, INCLUDING UPPER VOLTA, OF ISSUES SUCH AS KOREA WHERE IMPORTANT UNITED STATES INTERESTS WERE INVOLVED. YAGUIBOU WONDERED WHAT ISSUES AT THIS YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONSIDER TO BE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE. HE WOULD WELCOME SCHAUFLE'S THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS ON SUCH KEY ISSUES, WHICH HIS DELEGATION COULD EXAMINE CAREFULLY. THIRD, YAGUIBOU REFERRED TO SEVERAL EARLIER REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES. IN PARTICULAR, HE HOPED THAT THE USG COULD RESPOND TO THE AUGUST UPPER VOLTAN REQUEST TO PURCHASE SOME SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION. ACCORDING TO YAGUIBOU, THE FUNDS ALLOTTED FOR THIS PURCHASE MUST BE RETURNED IF THEY ARE NOT USED BY NOVEMBER 15.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE ASKED YAGUIBOU TO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER KABORE FOR HIS COMMENTS ON UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. SCHAUFLE NOTED THAT SUCH AID WILL EXPAND AS THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED, AND POINTED OUT THAT WE APPEAR TO HAVE THE NECESSARY CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THIS LONG-TERM PROGRAM.

4. SCHAUFLE SAID THAT, SINCE KOREA AND PUERTO RICO WILL NOT BE PROBLEMS AT THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE ISSUES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD CERTAINLY INCLUDE ZIONISM AS RACISM, AND ANY RENEWED MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. THESE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS DOMESTIC REPERCUSSIONS FOR US. SCHAUFLE PROPOSED THAT AF/W ARRANGE A BRIEFING FOR AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS. YAGUIBOU OFFERED TO RETURN FROM NEW YORK FOR SUCH A BRIEFING IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED.

5. ON THE ARMS REQUEST, SCHAUFLE INQUIRED ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE.
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YAGUIBOU ASSERTED THAT THE DISPUTE HAS BEEN RESOLVED. HE NOTED THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AND DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND POINTED OUT THAT MALI, WHICH HAD NEVER BEFORE HAD AN AMBASSADOR IN UPPER VOLTA, HAS NOW REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR. YAGUIBOU CLAIMED THAT THE SMALL ARMS WERE NOT NEEDED TO PREPARE AN INVASION OF ANOTHER COUNTRY, BUT RATHER TO IMPLEMENT THE GOUV'S POLITICAL DECISION

TO BOLSTER BOTH INTERNAL SECURITY AND THE SECURITY ALONG ITS SIX FRONTIERS WITH OTHER NATIONS. HE NOTED THAT UPPER VOLTA HAD NEVER BOTHERED ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS.

6. SCHAUFLE POINTED OUT THAT OUR EMBARGO STEMMED FROM THE UPPER VOLTA/MALI BORDER DISPUTE, AND THAT IF THIS IS SETTLED, WE WOULD CONSIDER LIFTING THE EMBARGO. WE ARE NOW REVIEWING THIS POSSIBILITY. THIS STEP COULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY A CONSIDERATION OF UPPER VOLTA'S SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SCHAUFLE ALERTED YAGUIBOU TO A MORE PROFOUND QUESTION, WHICH IS THE OPPOSITION OF OUR CONGRESS TO MILITARY AID PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES.

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